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Reports from Shanghai—Inspection of vessels—Mortality.

Acting Assistant Surgeon Ransom reports, September 28 and October 4, as follows:

During the week ended September 23, 1905, 1 bill of health, supplemental, was issued to 1 steamer and 1 vessel; 63 crew and 3 cabin passengers were inspected and passed. One case of general glandular enlargement, particularly marked in the inguinal and femoral glands on both sides, which was discovered at inspection, was carefully investigated. It was satisfactorily shown that the trouble had existed for over two months, and as there was no temperature or tenderness at time of examination, and no other suspicious circumstance, the case was passed.

The only communicable disease reported to the municipal health department during the week was tuberculosis, from which 32 natives died. The total reported mortality was 133 natives. Dengue fever has made its appearance here, but not in epidemic form. There is a fair number of cases, however.

No quarantinable diseases have been reported from outports.

Inspection of vessels—Slight increase in dengue fever—Cholera extinct—Typhus fever at Niuchwang—Plague in Manchuria—Trans-Baikal provinces declared infected.

During the week ended September 30, 1905, three supplemental bills of health were issued to 3 steamers, and there were inspected 4 vessels, 410 crew, and 15 steerage passengers; also 5 pieces of steerage passengers' baggage. Manifests were viséed for 21,686 pieces of freight, equivalent to 1,813.42 tons. Two cases of illness, 1 pulmonary tuberculosis and 1 glandular enlargement (cervical), were investigated. The latter, in the person of a steerage passenger from Hong-kong, showing no temperature and no tenderness, and with a history of having existed for a considerable length of time, was passed as probably tubercular.

The bill of health issued to the steamship *Albenga* on August 31, 1905, which vessel returned to this port in distress after an absence of only three days, was viséed and a statement of the facts concerning her made on the face thereof. This vessel was reinspected immediately before her final departure.

The report of the municipal health officer shows for the week, among foreigners, 1 new case of enteric fever and among natives 35 deaths from tuberculosis. The total reported mortality was 1 foreigner and 127 natives. Dengue fever is increasing slightly, but will doubtless subside as soon as the weather becomes a little cooler. Cholera is believed to have entirely disappeared from this port at this time.

No quarantinable disease was reported from any of the outports except Niuchwang, from which place reports for the month of September have just come to hand. These reports show for the week ended September 2, 1905, 4 new cases of typhus fever; September 9, 1905, 3 new cases; September 16, 1905, no quarantinable diseases reported; September 25, 1905, 2 new cases with 1 death. The consul at Niuchwang reports that he is experiencing some difficulty in securing the data desired.